

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, January 26, 2006
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: November 17, 2005**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**
- VII. Citizen's Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Elections

Background: Section 5, Officers, of the Commission's by-laws states: "A Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be annually selected at the first meeting of the year from the appointed members for a term of one year. The Chairperson will call for meetings and preside over all sessions. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson will preside. In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the member with the highest seniority will preside."

Recommendation: Conduct elections for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions.

IX. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: The Huizhou delegation visited Milpitas December 4 through 7, 2005. There were three visitors: two from the education sector and one student.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Chair/Lead Commissioner Grilli and discuss next steps.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: A visit from Dagupan students is scheduled for May 2006.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Iringan and discuss next steps.

3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: Next year will be the tenth anniversary of Milpitas' sister city relationship with Tsukuba. There will be a visit from students in August 2006 and for adults in October 2006. In November, it was the consensus of the Commission to beginning planning these visits. Lead Commissioner Arthur will review an outline of volunteer needs and will report back on Tsukuba's preference for one or two visits. Other discussion points were transportation for the adult visit, date for a barbecue event, home stays and when Milpitas' visit to Tsukuba should be scheduled.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arthur.

4. ITALIAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: This item was continued with no discussion from the November meeting. At the September meeting, Alternate/Lead Commissioner Arefi proposed steps to work with the Sister-County Commission and the City of Empoli.

Recommendation: Receive update from Alternate/Lead Commissioner Arefi.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - ii. Huizhou City, China
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
2. Italian Sister City Research
3. 2006 Work Plan – as needed
4. Website Review – as needed

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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